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My Lord,

HIS Majesty having by His Proclamation of the 22. of *December* (upon the occasion of the Invasion threatned, and in part begun by some of His Subjects of *Scotland*) summon'd all the Members of both Houses of Parliament to attend Him here at *Oxford*: We whose names are under written are here met and assembled in obedience to those His Majesties commands. His Majesty was pleased to invite us in the said Proclamation by these gratious expressions; [That His Subjects should see how willing he was to receive advice for the preservation of the Religion, Lawes and safety of the Kingdom, and as far as in Him lay to restore it to it's former Peace & security, (his cheife and only end) from those whom they had trusted, though he could not receive it, in the place where He appoynted.] This most gracious invitation hath not only been made good unto us, but seconded & heightened by such unquestionable demonstrations of the deep & Princely sense which possesses His Royall heart of the miseries & calamities of His poore Subjects in this unnaturall War, & of his most entire & passionate affecti-

ons, to redeem them from that ſad & deplorable condition, by all waies poſsibly conſiſtent either with His Honour, or with the future ſafety of the Kingdom, that, as it were impiety to queſtion the ſincerity of them, ſo were it great want of duty and faithfulneſſe in us, (His Majeſty having vouchſafed to declare, that He did call us to be witneſſes of His actions, & privy to his intentions) ſhould we not teſtifie and witneſſe to all the world, the aſſurance we have of the piety & ſincerity of Both; We being moſt entirely ſatisfied of this truth, We cannot but confeſſe, that, amidſt our higheſt afflictions in the deep & piercing ſenſe of the preſent miſeries and deſolations of our Country, and thoſe further dangers threatned from *Scotland*, We are at length erected to ſome cheerfull and comfortable thoughts, that poſsibly we may yet (by Gods mercy, if his juſtice have not determined this Nation for it's ſinnes, to totall ruine & deſolation) hope to be happy Inſtruments of our Countries redemption, from the miſeries of War, & reſtitutiō to the bleſsings of peace; And We being deſirous to beleive your Lo^p (howſoever ingaged) a perſon likely to be ſenſibly touched with theſe conſiderations, have thought fit to invite you to that part in this bleſſed work, which is only capable to repaire all our miſfortunes, & to boye up the Kingdom from ruine; That is, by conjuring you, by all

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the obligations that have power upon Honour, Conſcience, or publique Piety, that laying to heart, as we do, the inwardly bleeding condition of your Country, and the outward more menacing deſtruction by a forraigne Nation, upon the very poynt of invading it, you will cooperate with us to it's preſervation, by truly repreſenting to, & faithfully and induſtriouſly promoving with thoſe by whom you are truſted, this following moſt ſincere & moſt earneſt deſire of ours; That they joyning with us in a right ſenſe of the paſt, preſent, and more threatning calamities of this deplorable Kingdom, ſome perſons be appoynted on either part, and a place agreed on, to treat of ſuch a Peace, as may yet redeem it from the brinke of deſolation.

This addreſſe we ſhould not have made, but that His Majeſties ſummons by which we are met, moſt gratiouſly proclaiming pardon to all without exception, is evidence enough, that his mercy and clemency can tranſcend all former provocations, and that He hath not only made us witneſſes of his Princely Intentions, but honoured us alſo with the name of being ſecurity for them.

God Almighty direct your Lordſhip, & thoſe to whom you ſhall preſent theſe our moſt reall deſires, in ſuch a courſe as may produce that happy Peace and ſettlement of the preſent diſtractions, which is ſo heartily deſired and prayed for by us, and which may make us

From Oxford the 27. January, 1643.

Your affectionate Friends

A List of the Lords and others who signed the Letter to the Earle of Essex, dated at *Oxford* 27. *January* 1643.

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M. *Hertford.*
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E. *Dorset.*
E. *Shrewsbury.*
E. *Bath.*
E. *Southampton.*
E. *Leicester.*
E. *Northampton.*
E. *Devonshire.*
E. *Carlile.*
E. *Bristoll.*
E. *Barkshire.*
E. *Cleveland.*
E. *Rivers.*
E. *Dover.*
E. *Peterborough.*
E. *Kingston.*
E *Newport.*
E. *Portland.*
V. *Conway.*
L. *Digby.*
L. *Moubray* and *Mattravers.*
L. *Wentworth.*
L. *Cromwell.*
L. *Rich.*
L. *Paget.*
L. *Chandoys.*
L. *Howard* of Charleton.
L. *Lovelace.*
L *Savile.*
L. *Mohun.*
L. *Dunsmore.*
L. *Seymour.*
L. *Percy.*
L. *Wilmott.*
L. *Leigh.*
L. *Hatton.*
L. *Iermin.*
L. *Carrington.*

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Alex. Denton.
Iohn Packington.
Tho. Smith.
F. Gamul.
Io. Harris.
Ioſeph Iane.
Ric. Edgcombe.
Ionathan Raſhleigh.
G. Stane.
P. Edgcombe,
Will. Glanvill.
Ro. Holborne.
Ra. Sydenham.
Fr. Godolphin.
Geo. Parry.
Amb. Manaton.
Ri. Morgan.
Io. Polewheile.
Iohn Arundell.
Tho. Lower.
Edw. Hide.
Will. Alleſtree.
Geo. Stonehouſe.
Ed. Seymour.
Peter Saint hill.
Will. Pole.
Roger Mathew.
Ri. Arundell.
Ro. Walker.
Giles Strangwaies.
Iohn Strangwaies.
Tho. Hele.
Ger. Naper.
Sam. Turner.
Will. Conſtantine.
Hen. Killigrew.
Ri. King.
Iohn Dutton.
Hen. Bret.
Will. Chadwell.
Theobald Gorges.
Iohn Georges.
Tho. Fanſham.
Humf. Conningsby.
Ri. Seaborne.
Arth. Ranelaugh.
Tho. Tomkins.
Sampſon Eure.
Iohn Culpeper.
Ieffrey Palmer.
Iohn Harriſon.
Tho. Fanſhaw.
Rog. Palmer.
Orlando Bridgman.
Will. Watkins.
Iohn Smith.
Tho. Bludder.
Ed. Littleton.
Her. Bagott.
Ri. Leveſon.
Ri. Cave.
Ri. Weſton.
Ri. Lee.

Tho. Whitmore.
Ed. Acton.
C. Baldwin.
R. Goodwyn.
Tho. Howard.
Tho. Littleton.
Ro. Howard.
Iohn Meux.
Matthew Davis.
F. Cornwallis.
Tho. Iermyn.
Iohn Tayler.
William Baſſet.
William Portman.
Edw. Rodney.
Tho. Hanham.
Ed. Phelipps.
Iohn Digby.
Ed. Kirton.
Cha. Leuknor.
Edw. Alford.
Iohn White.
Iohn Aſhburnham.
Will. Smith.
Tho. Leedes.
I. Thynn.
W. Pleydell.

Ro. Hyde.
Ed. Griffin.
Walter Smith.
Geo. Lowe.
Ric. Harding.
Hen. Herbert.
End. Porter.
Sam. Sandys.
Iohn Bodvill.
Will. Morgan.
Will. Thomas.
Io. Martyn.
Hen. Belleſis.
Geo. Wentworth.
Will. Mallory.
Rt. Alburgh.
Iohn Salisbury.
Will. Herbert.
William Price.
Iohn Price.
R. Herbert.
Cha. Price.
Phil. Warwick.
Tho. Cooke.
Rob. Crooke.
Herb. Price.
Iohn. Whiſtler.

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